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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19-32 without prejudice, resulting in the following listing of the claims. This listing replaces and supersedes all prior claim listings.

1. (Original) An information processing apparatus for processing content data, comprising: processing means for processing the content data; acquisition means for acquiring first information for controlling the processing means; and generation means for generating second information using a value obtained by weighting the first information acquired by the acquisition means, wherein the processing means processes the content data on the basis of the second information generated by the generation means.

2. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising input means for receiving a command/data issued by a user wherein the acquisition means acquires, as the first information, an adjustment value input by the user via the input means; and the processing means processes the content data such that when an automatic adjustment command is input by the user via the input means, the processing means processes the content data on the basis of the second information generated by the generation means, while in the case in which the automatic adjustment command is not issued by the user via the input means, when the adjustment value is input by the user via the input means, the processing means processes the content data on the basis of the first information acquired by the acquisition means.

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3. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the generation means generates the second information by performing the weighting such that a greatest weight is applied to the median of the first information.

4. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising: input means operated by a user to input a control command/data; and control command/data input detection means for detecting the status of the inputting of the control command/data, wherein the generation means generates the second information from the first information using a weight depending on the status of the inputting of the control command/data.

5. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the control command/data input detection means is control operation time measurement means for measuring a time spent in the inputting of the control command/data; and the generation means increases the weight with increasing time spent in the inputting of the control command/data.

6. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising feature detection means for detecting features of the content data, wherein the generation means generates second information for each feature detected by the feature detection means for the content data; and the processing means processes the content data using the second information corresponding to a feature of the content data detected by the feature detection means.

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7. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the feature detection means detects, as a feature of the content data, the variance of image levels.

8. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the feature detection means detects, as a feature of the content data, the mean image level.

9. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising environmental information detection means for detecting environmental information associated with an environmental condition, wherein the generation means generates second information for each piece of environmental information detected by the environmental information detection means; and the processing means processes the content data using second information corresponding to the environmental information detected by the environmental information detection means.

10. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the environmental information detection means detects, as the environmental information, the temperature in the ambient.

11. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the environmental information detection means detects, as the environmental information, the humidity in the ambient.

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12. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the environmental information detection means detects, as the environmental information, the brightness of a light in the ambient.

13. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising information extraction means for extracting information associated with the content data, wherein the generation means generates second information for each piece of information extracted by the information extraction means; and the processing means processes the content data using second information corresponding to the information extracted by the information extraction means.

14. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising storage means for storing the second information generated by the generation means.

15. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the storage means is formed such that it can be removed from the information processing apparatus.

16. (Original) An information processing method for an information processing apparatus to process content data, comprising the steps of: processing the content data; acquiring first information for controlling the processing step; and generating second information using a value obtained by weighting the first information acquired in the acquisition step, wherein in the processing step, the content data is processed on the basis of the second information generated in the generation step.

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17. (Original) A storage medium including a program stored thereon for controlling an information processing apparatus for processing content data, the program comprising the steps of: processing the content data; acquiring first information for controlling the processing step; and generating second information using a value obtained by weighting the first information acquired in the acquisition step, wherein in the processing step, the content data is processed on the basis of the second information generated in the generation step.

18. (Original) A computer-executable program for controlling an information apparatus for processing content data, comprising the steps of: processing the content data; acquiring first information for controlling the processing step; and generating second information using a value obtained by weighting the first information acquired in the acquisition step, wherein in the processing step, the content data is processed on the basis of the second information generated in the generation step.

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